

November 1, 2008

Ms. Patty Lane, Principal
St. Ignatius Elementary School
3245 Arden Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Ms. Patty Lane,

I would like to commend Saint Ignatius School for teaching their students the value of community involvement. We've been experiencing an increase in crime on our block. As a result I decided to paint curb addresses in front of each house so fire and police could readily respond in case of an emergency. Gabriel McEwen, a student at your school, immediately came out of his house when he saw me and volunteered to help. Though I'd sometimes seen Gabriel riding his unicycle in the neighborhood I'd never actually met him. At first I thought he would get in the way because of the paint and making sure the stencil was straight. To my surprise I only had to show him how to use the spray paint once. He painted curbs with me, held stencils straight while his fingers were hit with paint because of my errant spraying. When he sprayed the paint it always looked better because of his steady hand. Gabriel never tired. He wore a mask because he was closer to the ground and didn't want to inhale the fumes.

Again I would like to express my appreciation of what Saint Ignatius School teaches their students and let you know how proud we are to have Gabriel and his family living in our neighborhood.

Enclosed you will find copies of three photos.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas A. Kirrene".

Thomas A. Kirrene